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Title: OPTICAL DISK, AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REPRODUCING INFORMATION RECORDED IN OPTICAL DISK

of which is described and claimed in: .

() the attached specification, or

(X) the specification in application Serial No. 09/677,595, filed October 3, 2000, and with amendments through (if applicable), or

() the specification in International Application No. , filed , and as amended on (if applicable).

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